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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the rejection of the claims is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Independent Claim 15 has been amended substantially to make clear that there are spheroidal surfaces on the axle and on the inside of the hub which permits the wheel to pivot about the axle and thus retain its motion in a horizontal plane even though the top of the door is angled relative to the horizontal.

Attached are sketches that illustrate what is occurring when a door is pivoted so that it will abut the vertical surfaces of the jamb. As illustrated, this produces noise and chatter and effects undue forces on the guides for the door which is riding up and down within the track.

In the present invention, there are spheroidal surfaces on the hub and axle to permit the hub to move about the axle and maintain the wheel in a horizontal plane.

The Farris et al patent appears to use a partially spherical form to retain the wheel hub on the axle but it does not contemplate or provide the self-aligning feature which is the subject matter of the claims as now presented.

Gehrke does not disclose or suggest the present invention, or cure the deficiencies of Farris. Neither prior art patent contains a suggestion for the reconstruction which would be involved.

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Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the amended claims clearly define Applicant's novel assembly, and early allowance thereof is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDICES

Attached are demonstrative illustrations.